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## EXTRAORDINARY

### GOVERNMENT OF GOA

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#### Order

No. 8/8/2022-MAG/L&O/Panchayat Elect/  
/Liquor/1582

#### U/S 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

Whereas the Goa State Election Commission has announced the Goa Panchayat Elections 2022 in North Goa District scheduled to be held on 10-08-2022 and the Model Code of Conduct has already come into force with immediate effect;

And Whereas to prevent undue influence of voters through distribution of liquor and to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the election process, it is felt appropriate that the timings for closure of all liquor bars/shops, pubs, provision stores etc., needs to be curtailed;

And Whereas Section 29(A) of the Goa Excise Duty Act, 1964 and Rules there under empowers the District Magistrate to order the closure of liquor bars, restaurants serving liquor, liquor shops, pubs, provision stores etc., at such times and for such period as may necessary and appropriate for preservation of public peace and tranquility;

And Whereas in my considered opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub section (1) of Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for closure of all bars and all shops, pubs, provision stores, restaurants where liquors are being served or sold;

And Whereas I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

And Whereas I, Mamu Hage, IAS District Magistrate, North Goa District in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 read with section 29A of the Goa Excise Act, 1964 do hereby order that serving or selling of liquor in all the liquor bars, pubs, shops, clubs, shacks, or any establishment shall be closed everyday by 10:00 p.m., with immediate effect till the election Model Code of Conduct is in force. However, this order shall not apply to those establishments, provision stores etc., which are required by law to be closed before 10:00 p.m. This Order shall be applicable in all the Village Panchayat areas excluding those mentioned below:-

#### A) Village Panchayats:

- 1) Alorana, Casarvarnem & Chandel Hassapur in Pernem Taluka.
- 2) Harvalem in Bicholim Taluka.
- 3) Taleigao in Tiswadi Taluka.

#### B) All Municipal areas in North Goa District.

#### C) Corporation of the City of Panaji.

Only the sale and service of liquor in all liquor bars, shops, pubs, shacks, clubs, provision stores or any establishment in all the Village Panchayat areas excluding the above said areas of North Goa District shall be stopped every day by 10:00 p.m.

till election Model Code of Conduct is in force. Such establishments can remain open and continue to operate without the sale and service of liquor beyond 10:00 p.m. Any violations of the above directions may be reported to the office of the District Election Officer, Panaji.

If any liquor shop/bar, pub or any establishment is found serving liquor beyond the aforesaid timings, during the said period, it shall result in cancellation of licenses and the owner or offender shall be liable for penal action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1908, Section 30 of the Excise Duty Act, 1964 and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

The Flying Squads, Officials of the Excise Department, Sector Magistrate, Police or any other authorized officers/officials shall act immediately in case any violation comes to their notice or reported to them and should forthwith report such cases to the Commissioner of Excise and/or the Returning Officer concerned.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 22nd day of July, 2022.

Panaji.—The District Magistrate & DEO (North),  
*Mamu Hage*, IAS.

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